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I respectfully submit these comments and observations. I am a technologist who has been in this industry since 1985. I currently work of a brand building corporation that uses both Windows and Macintosh systems. In a prior career I worked for Ameritech (now SBC) for 30 years, five of which were in the IT organization.

It appears that Microsoft has again accomplished its objectives and will continue now on its campaign of total dominance of anything it chooses. I fail to understand why you, our Justice representatives, would once again offer a simple slap on the wrist to a company that has ignored a similar punishment in the past. Clearly, this approach has not and will not work. You have given Microsoft has so many ways to interpret this agreement that it is a total waste of paper. Were they not convicted of being an illegal monopoly? Did they not destroy competition in as many ruthless and illegal ways as they desired? Are you, with this agreement, increasing competition? Is this agreement good for our future? I believe, along with many others, that the answer to all these questions is a resounding NO.

I strongly encourage the Justice department to reconsider its position and to enjoin the remaining 9 states to vigorously bring this case to justice. A justice that will encourage competition and send a clear message to Microsoft and any others who operate outside the law. The Justice department should stop Microsoft's aggressive and illegal behavior once and for all. It is harmful to our future IT economy to allow this evil doer to continue in his illegal pursuits.

Respectfully submitted,
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